

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 722 - SB 988

March 9, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Legalizes the practice of naturopathy.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

State Expenditures – Net Impact – Not Significant

Decreases Local Revenue – Not Significant

Decreases Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Current law states that it is unlawful for anyone other than a licensed physician to practice naturopathy. A violation is a Class B misdemeanor.
- By legalizing naturopathy, the Board of Medical Examiners may incur fewer complaints and investigations of individuals accused of practicing naturopathy resulting in a not significant decrease in expenditures.
- The individual practicing naturopathy may be subject to disciplinary actions by the Board for engaging in the unlicensed practice of medicine resulting in a not significant increase in expenditures.
- There will not be a significant decrease in the number of Class B misdemeanors for local governments to experience any significant decrease in revenue or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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